



# Character Education



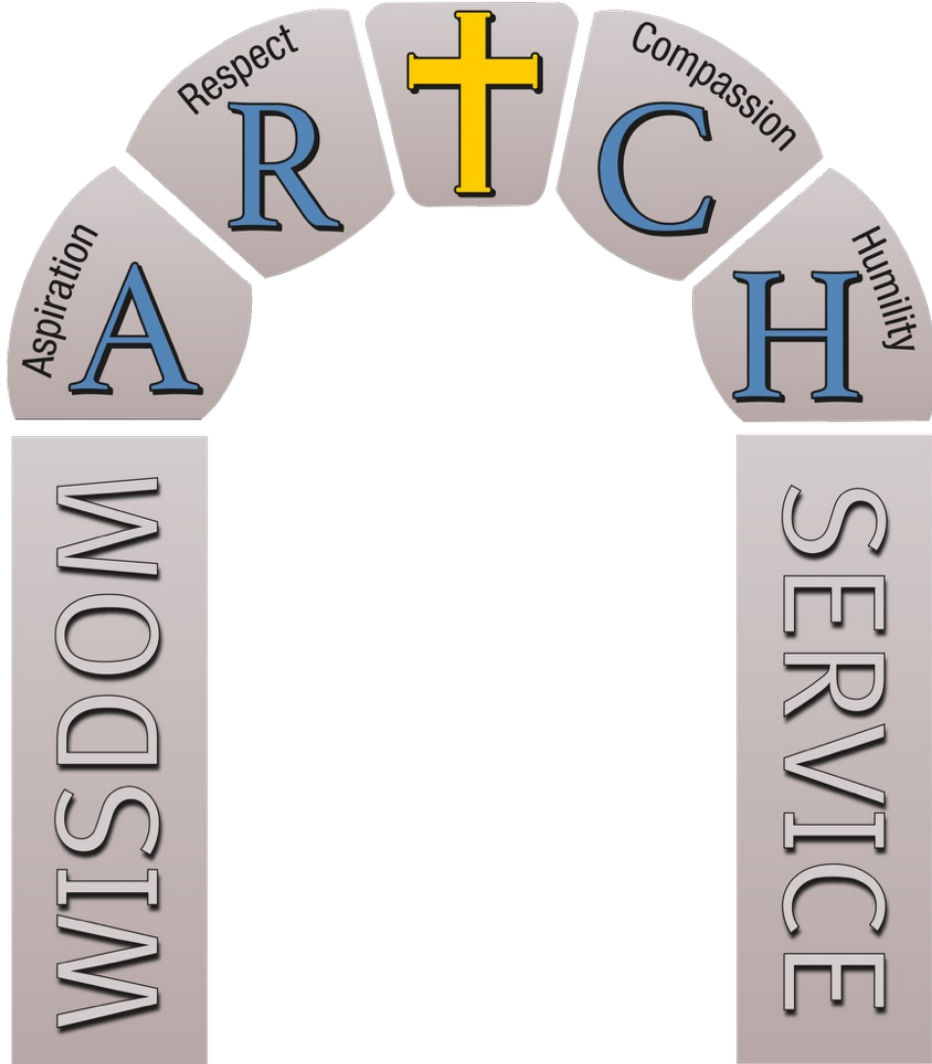
# What is Character Education?

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Character education is not new. It is the wider personal development of a child beyond the academic education they receive. It aims to promote key characteristics and values, all of which will help them in their adult lives. Here at National, this is firmly linked to our ARCH values. Our overall approach to character education is based on research from the Jubilee Centre ([www.jubileecentre.ac.uk](http://www.jubileecentre.ac.uk)):

- Character Caught
- Character Taught
- Character Sought





# Character Caught

Character education is firmly underpinned by our vision, 'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

We want our students to grow spiritually, morally, socially, and culturally. Everyone is valued as a unique individual. We endeavour to create a place where all talents are valued and differences celebrated. We aim to live out our vision on a daily basis throughout our ARCH values.

# Character Taught

Our ARCH values are firmly embedded throughout the curriculum. There are planned for and spontaneous opportunities to explore our ARCH values across all subjects. Some examples include:

- Respect in sport in PE
- Compassion for ecosystems in geography

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) development is also an integral part of our curriculum and carefully tracked from year 7 to 13. Some examples include:

- Work on cultural masks, patterns and identity in art
- Exploration of moral and ethical issues in English literature



# Character Taught

Our tutor programme supports the character development of students. Daily collective worship provides students with opportunities to develop spiritually and reflect on a variety of carefully planned themes throughout the year.

Tutor sessions also enable students to engage with topics such as:

Leadership

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Careers

Celebrating diversity



# Character Sought

We offer an extensive range of enrichment experiences for all students. These include:

- Student leadership opportunities, such as school council, ARCH ambassadors and 6<sup>th</sup> form student leaders.
- Residential visits within the UK and abroad
- Extra-curricular clubs. These currently include cooking, sports clubs, musical clubs and change makers to name a few.
- Opportunities for all students to engage in social action through our links with the King's Village Ghana and our support of the Hucknall foodbank.
- Careers days to allow students to meet with employers, develop their interview skills, visit universities and attend taster days at local colleges.
- Educational day visits for all students such as to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Black Country Living Museum and Bletchley Park.
- Our annual school show and Christmas concert.
- A variety of sports teams for students to be part of.



# Find out more

If you would like to find out more, please see our website for more information.

